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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, June 11, 2012, at 2 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 2012

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: God of the universe, thank You for giving us another day.

Quicken our spirits so that we will know the blessings of living together in unity and peace. We have our personal aspirations and ideas of what is best. Grant that we might know the satisfaction from sharing our common concerns and experiencing the joy of mutual accomplishment.

Bless the Members of the people's House with success in bringing fruition to all efforts to work toward common solutions to the issues facing our Nation—solutions which seem so distant in these days.

During the days of the coming week, may the American people be able to communicate their hopes for the efforts of their congressmen and -women. May they understand as well that a unified nation is equally the work of each of us where we live.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. BARROW) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BARROW led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to five 1-minute requests on each side of the aisle.

ENERGY POLICY THAT CREATES JOBS

(Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today the oil and gas industry in Colorado directly employs 50,000 people and supports over 190,000 jobs in our State. However, the Obama administration has increasingly put up barriers that drive out energy development on Federal lands—a practice that disproportionately impacts job creation in Colorado and other Western States.

For this reason, my colleagues and I have introduced the Domestic Energy and Jobs Act of 2012. My portion of this bill will ensure responsible, steady, and reliable exploration of our abundant resources every year, which will facili-

tate the job creation that comes from expanded energy development.

We have endured 38 straight months of higher than 8 percent unemployment. The fact that we are not fully benefiting from our energy resources here at home is simply wrong. I urge this administration to follow our lead in the House and support an energy policy that puts people back to work.

CLOSING OF SNOOKY'S RESTAURANT

(Mr. BARROW asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BARROW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the passing of an institution in my district—Snooky's Restaurant in Statesboro, Georgia. Forty-one years ago, Bruce Yawn opened a family-style restaurant, along with his father, Snooky Yawn.

For 41 years, Snooky's wasn't just a place to get some great Southern cooking, it was a favorite gathering place for the folks who call Statesboro home, and it was home away from home for tens of thousands of young people who came from all over the State of Georgia to attend Georgia Southern University.

In fact, the Georgia Southern University football program was practically founded at Snooky's, where the legendary founding coach, Erk Russell, was a regular. Coach Russell and his many friends and admirers would sit around and talk about football, fishing,

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